

## International Women's Day Film Festival 2010

Three award-winning films. One day.



Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

Horizons of Friendship in partnership with YMCA Northumberland, the Northumberland Services for Women, Trinity United Church and the Northumberland branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women will be hosting an International Women's Day Film Festival to use the medium of film to highlight issues that affect women globally.

**When:** Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>

Three films, 1:00pm, 4:00 pm and 8:00pm

**Where:** Cobourg Public Library (200 Ontario Street)

This is a free and accessible community event, and ALL are welcome! Donations will be accepted to help defray costs.

Refreshments and popcorn will be served at all films, and light snacks will be provided by Northumberland Heights Restaurant and Retreat Centre after the first film is shown.

You can read about all three films below, and click on the link to view the video trailers. Come for one, or all three films! (please feel free to bring a pillow to make sitting for the films as comfortable as possible).

See you there!

## **Entre Nos** *by Directors Gloria La Morte & Paola Mendoza, United States*

*Winner Best Film at the Traverse City Film Festival 2009 (Michael Moore's Film Festival)-Rated PG-13*

[Click here to view the film trailer](#)

Mariana's children, Gabriel 10, and Andrea 6, have grown up in Colombia without their father. He immigrated to the United States in order to make a better life for his family. Finally after many years of separation the family is reunited in New York City. Antonio announces he has found work in Miami and will be moving there...alone. He will send for the family when he is settled. Days go by, Mariana does not hear from him, and finds out that Antonio is not coming back. The rent is due, there is no food and Mariana has fifty dollars to her name. With no one to turn to, she must find a way, in a strange city where she barely speaks the language, to provide for her family, financially and emotionally.

## **Brick Lane** *by Director Sarah Gavron, United Kingdom*

*Official selection at Toronto International Film Festival, nominee and winner of 6 major British film awards-Rated PG-13*

[Click here to view the film trailer](#)

Nazneen, from rural Bangladesh, leaves behind her home and beloved sister at 17 and moves to Brick Lane in London to an arranged marriage with a man who is twice her age and she does not love. She receives letters from her sister about her carefree life and lives vicariously through those letters. After living with her husband in a small flat for 18 years and having had two daughters, Nazneen's world is turned upside-down when she meets a young, good-looking clothing worker. The movie is set during the 9/11 period when racial tensions in Brick Lane were heightened.

## **Bread & Tulips** *by Director Silvio Soldini, Italy*

*Official Selection at Cannes Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival, winner of 19 international film festival awards-**Rated PG-13***

[Click here to view the film trailer](#)

An Italian housewife finds herself left behind during a family vacation. Instead of waiting for her controlling businessman husband and self-absorbed children to realize she is missing, she hitchhikes her way home, only to impulsively detour to Venice. She finds work in a restaurant, the maitre d' gives her a place to live and friendship and she soon finds herself enjoying her new life. Meanwhile, her husband sends out a bumbling plumber as a private detective to find her.